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Canada shouldn't depend on U.S. fuel: Stelmach

GASOLINE Canada shouldn't be dependent on gasoline from hurricane plagued areas in the U.S., said Premier Ed Stelmach.

Prices at the pumps dipped below \$1.30 cents per litre early yesterday morning after a weekend that saw prices spike as high as \$1.52 per litre at many stations across the city in wake of Hurricane Ike.

Stelmach said promoting gasoline that has been refined in Alberta, where it isn't prone to major weather events, would add "predictability" to gasoline prices.

"This is a serious matter because prices fluctuate dramatically," said Stelmach. "It puts pressure on families; it puts pressure on government services."

JEFF CUMMINGS/METRO EDMONTON

No. 1 Miller among a million



Corner Gas star Gabrielle Miller, on set in Vancouver, checks out what's hot in Metro yesterday. Metro Canada broke the 1 million daily reader milestone for the first time, according to results released yesterday by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank). In addition, Metro has maintained and strengthened its position as the number one free daily in Canada. Metro Canada now reaches 1,091,800 readers every weekday and 2,253,200 readers weekly in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. **See story, pg. 3**

Death likely over drugs

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Residents of a north-end area where a man was found lying in a pool of blood this week say they're living in the slums.

"It's not surprising to me that they found someone dead over there," said Omar, who declined to reveal his last name. "I'm actually trying to get out of here, because it's a ghetto."

Omar moved to Edmonton from Ontario three weeks ago to live with his mother, who lives in Village Acres, a low-rent housing complex inhabited by

predominantly Somali immigrants.

Police have identified the man who was found dead Tuesday morning on the construction site of Balwin School as 22-year-old Nasir Mohamed Said.

It's believed that Said was murdered over a drug deal gone wrong.

Area residents and shop owners speculate that he frequented Village Acres, a 17-block housing complex southeast of Balwin School. Village Acres management said that Said was not a registered tenant in the complex.

"Ninety-nine per cent of Somalis are very conservative people. People that live



in this complex live here because of the safety of language and culture," said Ali Mohamed, while working on his van in a trash-littered alley of the complex.

"If he was involved with drugs, there is a good chance he grew up in North America and was not born in Africa."

Neighbours recalled hearing the common sound of gunfire from the direction of the schoolyard, hours before Said was found dead. Autopsy results confirmed that he died as a result of gunshot

wounds.

"When I moved here, I thought I'd be moving to a nice area, but it's not," Omar said.

Said, originally from Toronto, was not known to police in Edmonton, but was wanted on outstanding warrants in Ontario and Fort McMurray.

His body was discovered by a construction worker on school property a few hours before children began to arrive Tuesday morning.

Police tape still fluttered around areas of the school yesterday, though students were allowed back outside for recess.

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OR MONEY BACK**

Not just for artsy types

Film Festival producer says something for everyone

YURI WUENSCH
for Metro Edmonton

"It's a nice little festival that's cool."

Too bad the branding and art are already in place for this year's Edmonton International Film Festival, because producer Kerrie Long's off-the-cuff summation of the River City flick fest might've made a nice tagline for the 22nd annual installment, which runs from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

And, along with higher-profile offerings, there is indeed more of a non-preentious and community-minded feel to this year's proceedings.

Some of this year's premier screenings include rap documentary Nerdcore Rising, On Broadway (starring real-life comedic couple Will Arnett and Amy Poehler) and the Paris Hilton headlining comedy Repo! The Genetic Opera. In total, this year's schedule includes 55 feature-length dramas and documentaries, and more than 140 short films — whittled down from roughly 800 submissions.

"We did a project with students from NAIT to examine what the theme should be for this year and we found that the festival wasn't reaching 18-to-25-year-olds," Long says. "Of course, there are a lot of films in the festival for that demographic. ... And I think a lot of people feel like the idea of a film festival is somehow beyond them, that it's for artsy, navel-gazing cinéphiles. We're trying to debunk the idea that you need a PhD to attend; there's really



Guy Lavallee, festival programmer, left and Kerrie Long, festival producer prepare for the Edmonton International Film Festival, which is rolling into town next week from Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

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Kerrie Long, festival producer

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Long says the submission increases she sees year after year is indicative of the festival's growing international reputation. As such, and to keep pace

with that growth, the local celebration of movies has made one of its biggest moves yet: to the Empire City Centre 9 cinemas downtown.

"There are no films on

the south side this year," she says, "but the advantages are clear. By centralizing all the movies downtown between Empire and the Citadel Theatre, it gives movie-goers more options. If they're a little late for the 7 p.m. showing of a movie, then they'll still be able to make the 7:15 showing to another one."

For more information about all things festival-related, visit www.edmontonfilmfest.com.

Edmonton man charged in B.C. confinement case

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ASSAULT Mounties in BC have charged an Edmonton man for holding two women against their will, after one was found fleeing down a street with her hands bound behind her back with a leather belt.

On the morning of Aug. 23, a woman was found running down a street in Valemount, B.C. with her hands bound behind her back," said Cst. Craig Douglass, a North District RCMP spokesman.

After questioning the

"A woman was found running down the street ... with her hands bound."

Cst. Craig Douglass

women, Mounties were led to a nearby motorhome, where a second woman was being held against her will. Timothy Preddy, 43, is charged with numerous counts, including forcible confinement and assault with a weapon. It's believed that Preddy had been traveling with the two women.

'Low-risk' murderer walks away from Bowden prison

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CORRECTIONS Police say a "low-risk" man serving a life sentence for first-degree murder walked away unnoticed from the Bowden Institution, about 200 kilometres south of Edmonton, Tuesday night.

David Livingston, 61, went missing from the minimum-security prison between 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Livingston is from the Winnipeg area. He is five-foot-10 with hazel eyes, brown hair, and weighs

161 pounds.

He was convicted of murder in 1984, said Rita Wehrle, an assistant warden at Bowden.

Livingstone was on a conditional release in late 2006 and went back to prison after being charged for impaired driving, Wehrle said, adding that Corrections Canada will investigate the escape.

"We will try to determine what things that we may have missed," said Wehrle.

"Something like this happens very infrequently, certainly less than once a year."

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One of six men who escaped from a Regina jail last month has been apprehended, the RCMP said last night. Daniel Wolfe, 32, was arrested in Winnipeg, the RCMP said. He is the second-last convict to be recaptured following a prison break at the Regina Correctional Centre on Aug. 24. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Ontario man Tasered, dies

A 42-year-old Brampton, Ont., man has died several hours after being tasered during a struggle at a Peel police station. Sean Reilly went into medical distress and was rushed to a Mississauga health centre where he died yesterday at 4:45 a.m. Ontario's Special Investigations Unit is now probing the in-custody death and has named four officers as subjects of their investigation. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Alleged drug lord busted

Coluccio called 'King of International Drug Trafficking'

The image of former Toronto resident Giuseppe Coluccio has been splashed throughout the Italian media over the past 24 hours as American authorities announced one of the largest international drug busts in history.

Coluccio, who lived in the Toronto area under the alias of "Joe Scarfo," was dubbed the "King of International Drug Trafficking" when American and Italian authorities yesterday announced the arrests of 507

deported

Coluccio, 41, was deported from Canada three weeks ago and is being held in an Italian prison awaiting trial on a series of outstanding trafficking charges.

of his alleged associates.

The Coluccio investigation was part of a larger operation which has resulted in mass arrests in Italy, the United States and Mexico. "He's one of the leaders of

the consortium that was the target of this operation," said organized-crime expert Antonio Nicaso, who has lectured police forces on international crime.

"Canada was one of the destinations of the cocaine," Nicaso said.

Authorities say Coluccio's group was linked to an organization in Atlanta, which co-ordinated the transportation of truckloads of drugs and millions of dollars in currency.

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Montreal On the hustings



Liberal candidate Justin Trudeau, left, campaigns yesterday in his Papineau riding of Montreal. Trudeau, as well as Mustaque Sarker of the Tories and Ingrid Hein of the Green Party, are trying to unseat incumbent Vivian Barbot of the Bloc Québécois.

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Police nab 17 in bawdy house sting

OTTAWA Area police co-operated to arrest 17 people after nine common bawdy houses were busted in Gatineau, Que.

With the help of Ottawa police and the Canada Border Services Agency, Gatineau police arrested 17 people, including 13 women and four men.

"The Ottawa police and CBSA helped to identify the people," Gatineau Police Const. Isabelle Poirier said.

All of the suspects are Asian and between the ages of 30 and 40 years old.

They face charges of possession of stolen goods, being in a common bawdy house and holding a common bawdy house.

TRACEY TONG/METRO CANADA

Toronto shooting victim charged

BENDALE The 16-year-old who was shot in a botched robbery attempt on Tuesday was charged yesterday with armed robbery.

Mike Deicis, an 18-year-

old, was also charged with armed robbery and failing to comply with a recognition. Detectives are searching for two more suspects.

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News in brief

AFGHAN MISSION A financial watchdog is pledging to release his report into the costs of Canada's Afghanistan mission as soon as it is ready, although he's making no

promises it will be public before election day. But opposition politicians want the parliamentary budget officer to ensure his report is released before the Oct. 14 vote.

HEALTH Ontario will today announce \$21 million to fuel health research in the province. More than 100 projects will get a boost in funds.

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Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

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Election 2008



Billions pledged for families

Liberals, NDP roll out philosophies for social spending programs

It was family day on the campaign trail yesterday as the Liberals and New Democrats rolled out multi-billion-dollar commitments for education and child care.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's pledge was much more modest: He promised new measures to discourage children from accessing tobacco by banning additives such as cotton candy flavouring in tobacco products, and requiring cigarillos to be sold

in larger quantities. He also condemned the opposition parties for proposing costly programs he says the country cannot afford.

"Billions and billions of dollars every single day, all to be financed with taxes," Harper said.

The pledges highlighted the contrast in social spending philosophies of the opposition parties and the incumbent Conservatives.

NDP Leader Jack Layton promised to make universal

Tory announcement

• The Conservatives quietly made their own big-ticket announcement yesterday, confirming \$1.9 billion already

earmarked in the last federal budget to renew housing and homelessness programs over five years.

day care the free health care of this century by enshrining it in law with a program that would cost \$1.45 billion in the first year.

"I believe our child-care program will be as important to building Canada in this

century as medicare was to building it in the last century," Layton told reporters at a day care in Toronto as toddlers played nearby.

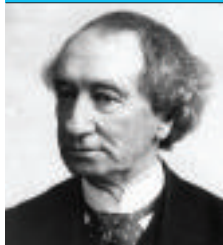
Later in Kitchener, Ont., the Liberals revived their dream of a national child-

care plan from three years ago, bringing Liberal incumbent Ken Dryden (York Centre), who developed a national child-care plan as minister of social development for former prime minister Paul Martin, to help make the announcement. The annual cost of their plan would rise to \$1.25 billion over a 4-year period.

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Hot water



Gerry Ritz

Tory MP sorry for 'tasteless' jokes

COMMENTS Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz was forced to apologize yesterday for "tasteless and completely inappropriate" jokes on an Aug. 30 government conference call during the listeriosis crisis.

"This is like a death by a thousand cuts. Or should I say cold cuts," Ritz quipped after fretting about the political dangers of the crisis.

When told during the call about a new death in Prince Edward Island, Ritz remarked: "Please tell me it's Wayne Easter."

Easter, a Liberal MP from P.E.I., is his party's critic shadowing Ritz's Agriculture Department. Both Easter and NDP Leader Jack Layton called for the minister's resignation last night.

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May Looks Forward with Green vision

The Green party promises to significantly cut greenhouse gases, give tax breaks to businesses and low-income earners, and increase the GST to fund infrastructure projects.

The pledges were contained in an election platform released by party leader Elizabeth May in Halifax yesterday.

The platform focuses on the so-called "green tax shift," which uses money from new taxes on greenhouse gas emissions to fund tax cuts and reduce poverty. The result, according to an independent economist who crunched the numbers, would be a \$10.9-billion budget surplus in the first year, May said.

"I'm sure people know we have a vision of a better world. What I think may surprise people is that it's grounded in practicality," May said in a telephone interview.

The eight-page platform, called "Looking forward: A fresh perspective on Canada's future," is a condensed version of the party's 160-page Vision Green



Green party leader Elizabeth May holds up a copy of her party's platform book yesterday during a rally in Halifax.

Apology for NOT smoking pot

• Elizabeth May, unveiling an election platform that includes a proposal to legalize marijuana, apologized yesterday for not having smoked pot. "I am

not a fan of marijuana use. I have to confess this — I know all politicians are asked. I've never used marijuana. I apologize," said May.

policy document, posted on its website before the Oct. 14 election was

called.

It emphasizes new and expanded social programs

— such as universal child care — suggesting the party's main target are voters also courted by Liberals, New Democrats and the Bloc Québécois.

The Greens promise to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 30 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020, and 80 per cent by 2050.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

EDUCATION Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion yesterday announced hundreds of millions of dollars in grants and student loans to assist college and university students struggling with the high cost of post-secondary education.

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Mass AIDS drugs

Brazil said yesterday it will start producing a generic version of a key AIDS drug, the latest step in the country's long-running battle with pharmaceutical giants to bring down the cost of treatment for HIV patients. REUTERS

Livni to become next PM

Israeli foreign minister replaces Olmert as party leader

Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni was set to be Israel's next prime minister after a comfortable victory yesterday in a party leadership election to choose a replacement for Ehud Olmert.

"The good guys won," the former corporate lawyer and one-time Mossad intelligence agent told supporters within the ruling centrist Kadima party after exit polls gave her a clear margin over retired general Shaul Mofaz, the transport minister.

Livni received 47 to 49 per cent of votes cast on a turnout of about half of Kadima's 74,000 members. That was comfortably ahead of Mofaz's 37 per cent and well above the 40-per cent threshold needed to avoid a runoff second round.

Palestinian peace negotiators – and possibly the sponsors of the peace



Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni arrives to cast her ballot at a polling station in Tel Aviv.

process in Washington – were among those applauding as official results began to confirm a win for Livni, who has led talks with the Palestinians.

But the daughter of storied Zionist guerrilla fighters of the 1940s will re-

quire combative spirit and political flair to consolidate her goal of becoming Israel's first woman leader since the redoubtable Golda Meir in the 1970s.

Olmert has said he will resign as soon as Kadima has a new leader, but the

outgoing premier, who could be indicted for corruption, has also vowed to exercise his right to stay on in a caretaker capacity until Livni forges her own coalition government. Only then can she assume the prime ministership. REUTERS

Australia grants license to clone human embryos

SCIENCE The Australian government has issued its first licence allowing scientists to create cloned human embryos to try and obtain embryonic stem cells.

The in vitro-fertilisation firm Sydney IVF was granted the licence and reportedly has access to 7,200 human eggs for its research.

If the firm is successful it would be a world first, the Australian government's National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), which granted the licence, said yesterday.

Scientists in other countries have made stem cells they believe are similar to embryonic cells using various techniques, but none have been able to extract embryonic stem cells from cloned human embryos.

An Australian ban on the research was lifted in December 2006 after a rare

conscience vote in the national parliament. But the use of excess IVF embryos and the creation and use of other embryos in research is restricted by law through national legislation. Human cloning for reproductive purposes is banned.

Chair of the NHMRC's licensing committee, Dr John Findlay, said Sydney IVF's research would be closely monitored.

"They have been given a licence to do therapeutic cloning," Findlay told Reuters, adding the scientists are not licenced to reach the foetal stage.

Any stem cells extracted would be used to test new drugs to fight diseases such as muscular dystrophy and Huntington's disease, and later therapeutic cloning would be used to produce body tissue that would be matched to patients. REUTERS

Clinton skips rally because of Palin

POLITICS Hillary Clinton cancelled her appearance at a demonstration against the president of Iran near the United Nations after learning Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin will be there. "(Palin's) attendance was

news to us, and this was never billed as a partisan political event," a Clinton aide said in an e-mail.

The rally was protesting Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has said Israel should be wiped off the map. REUTERS

Washington Protest at hearing



Women protest on Capitol Hill in Washington during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the "Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)" where FBI director Robert Mueller testified yesterday.

16 killed in bombing at U.S. embassy in Yemen

ATTACK Two suicide car bombers set off explosions outside the heavily fortified U.S. embassy in Yemen yesterday, killing 16 people, a Yemeni Interior Ministry official said.

The U.S. State Department said the bombings bore the "hallmarks" of an al-Qaida attack, but it has not yet been concluded who was to blame.

Islamic Jihad in Yemen, a group some Yemeni analysts say is linked to al Qae-

da, claimed responsibility for the attack, in which other militants armed with assault rifles and rocket propelled grenades tried to storm the embassy.

The group said in a statement it was planning to carry out more attacks in the future.

Among the dead were six attackers and four bystanders. The rest were Yemeni security personnel, including one embassy guard. REUTERS

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News in brief

SPACE A Russian cargo ship carrying food, fuel, water, scientific specimens, a space suit and presents docked at the International Space Station yesterday following a four-day delay. Hurricane Ike forced an evacuation of U.S. mission control in

Texas last week, postponing the docking Russian media reported.

TURKEY The Image Hotel on Turkey's Mediterranean coast has fired all its male staff for repeatedly having affairs with

foreign female guests, said manager Pelin Yucel yesterday. She said her 27-room hotel now only employs female staff. Most of the guests are British and Russian tourists. About 20 million travellers visit the country each year.

ECONOMY Russian markets are paying a big price for Moscow's "reckless" decision to invade Georgia, which spurred capital to flee Russia and weakened its currency, a senior U.S. official said yesterday. REUTERS

Texas executes ninth convict this year

Texas executed a man by lethal injection yesterday for the 1998 rape and murder of a 93-year-old woman. William Murray sexually assaulted and strangled his victim and made off with some change from a jar. **REUTERS**

U.S. Senate passes \$612B defence bill

GOVERNMENT The U.S. Senate yesterday overwhelmingly approved a \$612.5 billion U.S. defence spending bill for fiscal 2009, including \$70 billion U.S. for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

As passed on an 88-8 vote, the measure would authorize \$103.9 billion U.S. for Pentagon procurement, \$1.2 billion U.S. more than President Bush's request. Overall, Bush had asked for \$611.1 billion U.S. for national defence.

The bill shifts more of the costs of Iraq's reconstruction onto Baghdad. It also puts further restrictions on contractors working in Iraq. **REUTERS**

Beijing Paralympics Grand finale

Performers take part during the closing ceremony yesterday of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest. **REUTERS**

Antibiotics may be linked to cerebral palsy: Study

A once-used practice of giving antibiotics to some women at risk of premature birth may have increased the odds their children will develop cerebral palsy and other problems, British researchers announced yesterday.

The study published in the journal *Lancet* looked at women at risk of premature labour who had no signs of infection.

The study was led by Sara Kenyon, a researcher at the University of Leicester.

"We don't think it is the antibiotics themselves but rather the situation the antibiotics are given in," she said in a telephone interview. "These findings

The study

Children whose mothers were given erythromycin had an 18 per cent higher risk of mild functional problems that included struggles with day-to-day problem solving over mothers who didn't take it.

mean doctors do not need to give antibiotics if a woman's water hasn't broken unless she has an infection."

Smoking, alcohol use and weight problems can increase the chances of premature labour, but the link to cerebral palsy was unexpected. **REUTERS**



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Italian group CAI told Italy's state-controlled airline Alitalia yesterday it would propose pulling an offer to rescue the airline from bankruptcy if the offer does not get union approval. Only three of nine unions said they were ready to accept CAI's offer. **REUTERS**

Business

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Investors fear U.S. losses, TSX bearish

Toronto's premier stock index closed in bear market territory and at a two-year low yesterday as investors punished financial stocks amid concerns that Canadian insurers and banks could face steep losses over their exposure to the decaying U.S. financial industry.

New York's benchmark exchange, meanwhile, fell almost by more than 450 points as traders panned the U.S. Federal Reserve's massive \$85 billion U.S. bailout of cash-strapped insurance giant American International Group Inc. That soured sentiment came as a high-ranking Standard & Poor's official suggested the rescue plan had "weakened the fiscal profile of the United States."

But gold shares glistened as bullion prices recorded

"The fear is still palpable out there."

David Chapman

their biggest one-day gain ever in dollar terms.

At the close of trading, Toronto's S&P/TSX composite index lost 349.3 points to 11,877.69. The index has fallen 21.19 per cent from its June 18 record high of 15,073.13.

"I thought it was a bear market eons ago," said David Chapman, a technical strategist with Union Securities Ltd. "The fear is still palpable out there. We are probably at — or near — a temporary low the events of this past couple weeks or so have just been mind-spinning."

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Electric car Commuter curiosity



The new-generation Reva electric car is seen in this undated photo near the Indian Parliament building in New Delhi. The cars, produced in Bangalore, can be seen tooting around the city's streets, drawing curious looks and smiles.

Nortel in crisis again, plans restructure

TELECOM Nortel Networks Corp. shares plummeted 52 per cent to a record low of \$2.76 a share in Toronto yesterday, as it cut its revenue forecasts, prepared for a new wave of layoffs and said it was looking at selling

one of its businesses.

Blaming the weak economy and cutbacks in spending by telecom companies that buy their products, Nortel projected lower-than-expected third-quarter sales.

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Maple Leaf plant reopens

OUTBREAK Production resumed yesterday at the Maple Leaf Foods deli meat plant at the centre of this summer's deadly outbreak of listeriosis food poisoning.

The Toronto-area facility will increase production

gradually, but no products will be distributed until inspectors have verified that enhanced safety procedures are working, Maple Leaf chief executive officer Michael McCain said.

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Sports

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Robitaille sues Boots Del Biaggio

NHL Painting himself as a victim, former Los Angeles Kings star Luc Robitaille has launched a lawsuit against a former minority owner of the Nashville Predators in an attempt to recoup the \$2 million Robitaille says was fraudulently taken from him and left him unwittingly in debt to a bank.



Robitaille

In a court filing that is part of the bankruptcy proceedings for William (Boots) Del Biaggio, Robitaille says he was left owing a bank \$2 million US after Del Biaggio misused a joint line of credit that had been intended for real estate deals.

Robitaille alleges Del Biaggio put the \$2 million into his own account to fund "fraudulent" schemes and "failing business ventures," and to "continue an extravagant lifestyle."

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Vikings name Frerotte starter

NFL Minnesota Vikings head coach Brad Childress has decided to make a switch at quarterback, replacing an ineffective Tarvaris Jackson with veteran journeyman Gus Frerotte for at least this Sunday's game against Carolina.

The Vikings are off to an 0-2 start after narrow losses to Green Bay and Indianapolis.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Philadelphia Flyers rewarded Mike Richards yesterday, naming the young forward team captain. Richards ranked third on the club with 28 goals to go with a team-leading 75 points over 73 games last season.

NHL Carolina Hurricanes right wing Justin Williams will undergo surgery to repair a torn right Achilles tendon, the team announced yesterday. The 26-year-old is expected to miss the next four to six months. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Jays pull off comeback win

Down by six runs, Toronto rallies to take down AL East rival Orioles

With the suspense drained from what little remains of the 2008 season, the Blue Jays have to manufacture their drama somewhere.

Pre-game, they turned to the executive offices. Manager Cito Gaston said he's readying his negotiator's calculator. GM J.P. Ricciardi did his best Alfred E. Newman, as in, "What, me worry?" Team president Paul Godfrey said he's still on the fence about staying and all the coaches will want to stay close to press scrums for news of their own futures.

Then they took it out on the field in a thrilling seesaw contest that ended with an 8-7 Toronto victory.

For the second straight game, the Jays' streaking September lineup opened by playing dead. On Tuesday, they did it for nine innings, which sort of defeats the purpose. Last night, they dozed for the first four frames.

While Toronto played possum, Baltimore piled on Jays starter David Purcey. Six consecutive hits to start the fifth inning, including a monstrous Aubrey Huff home run, staked the Orioles to a 6-0 lead.

Once down by a half-dozen, the Jays decided the time was ripe to pounce on rookie starter Brian Bass.

Scott Rolen's RBI triple started the comeback. Five batters, two singles and

one hit batsmen later, Alex Rios's two-run double brought the Jays within one run.

An inning later, Joe Inglett's two-out RBI single tied the game 6-6 after six.

Rios led off the seventh with a rope into the left-field stands that gave Toronto its first lead of the series. Baltimore tied it again in the eighth. Pinch-hitter Luke Scott's RBI single made it 7-7.

Toronto retook the lead for the final time in the bottom of the eighth. Rolen started things again with a double. Call-up Curtis Thigpen moved him over to third with a sacrifice bunt. Then Travis Snider cashed Rolen with a sac fly. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher David Purcey was roughed up last night by the Baltimore Orioles. But the Jays came back from six runs down to claim the victory 8-7.

MIKE CASSIDY/OUTLINE



Manchester United's Jonny Evans, left, heads the ball against the post during their Champions League match against Villarreal at Old Trafford in Manchester yesterday. The game ended 0-0.

PHIL NOBLE/REUTERS

Man United held to home draw in Champions League action

SOCCER Goal-shy Manchester United kicked off their Champions League title defence with a tepid 0-0 home draw against Villarreal in their opening Group E match yesterday.

Former champions Juventus celebrated their return to Europe's top flight with a 1-0 win over Zenit St Petersburg while Real Madrid strolled to a 2-0 home win over Belarus first-timers BATE Borisov.

It was the third barren

stalemate in as many meetings between United and Villarreal after a couple in the 2005-06 group stage, in which United finished bottom of the group while Villarreal reached the last four of the competition.

A late goal from captain William Gallas earned Arsenal a 1-1 draw at Dynamo Kiev after Ismael Bangoura had fired the home side ahead with a 64th-minute penalty.

There was more drama

when Olympique Lyon fought back from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 home draw with Fiorentina while Barry Robson missed a penalty for Celtic in their 0-0 home draw with Danish side Aalborg.

Daniel Van Buyten's 15th-minute header gave Bayern Munich a 1-0 win at Steaua Bucharest while 2003 winners Porto enjoyed a 3-1 home success against Fenerbahce.

REUTERS

Esk's Goss, McCarty honoured

CFL Two Edmonton Eskimos were among the top players for the CFL in Week 12.

Eskimos cornerback Jason Goss earned defensive honors after registering a CFL-season-high three interceptions, including two he returned for touchdowns, to help his team to a 38-33 win over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He finished with a franchise-high 144 yards on interception returns, which was also the second highest in

CFL history.

The top Canadian player of the week was Eskimos running back Calvin McCarty, who replaced the injured AJ Harris against Hamilton, and totaled 72 yards on nine carries with a score and added a CFL-high eight catches for 88 yards. Calgary quarterback Henry Burris was named the top offensive player, while British Columbia returner Stefan Logan took the special teams award.

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SCOREBOARD

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS					WEEK 12				
AMERICAN LEAGUE					TOMORROW'S GAME				
Toronto 8	Baltimore 7	Cleveland 6	Minnesota 4	Detroit 17	Texas 4	Kansas City 5	Seattle 2	N.Y. Yankees 5	Chicago W. Sox 1
Tampa Bay 10	Boston 3	L.A. Angels at Oakland	NATIONAL LEAGUE	Colorado 1	San Diego 0	Cincinnati 3	St. Louis 0	Florida 14	Houston 2
Milwaukee 6	Chicago Cubs 2	N.Y. Mets 9	Washington 7	Philadelphia 6	Atlanta 1	Pittsburgh 15	L.A. Dodgers 8	San Francisco at Arizona	7-40
AL BATTING LEADERS					SATURDAY'S GAMES				
Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG	B.C. at Saskatchewan, 7:30				
Pedroia Bos	618	114	202	.327	Toronto at Calgary, 4:30				
Ordonez Det	516	68	167	.324	B.C. at Saskatchewan, 7:30				
Mauer Min	489	92	157	.321	EDMONTON at Montreal, 11				
Kinsler Tex	518	102	165	.319	SUNDAY'S GAMES				
Huff Bal	559	94	175	.313	WEEK 3				
NL BATTING LEADERS					SUNDAY'S GAMES				
Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG	Houston at Tennessee, 11				
Jones Atl	427	80	156	.365	Oakland at Buffalo, 11				
Pujols StL	490	91	175	.357	Carolina at Minnesota, 11				
Holliday Col	522	103	200	.326	Kansas City at Atlanta, 11				
Berkman Hou	519	101	167	.322	Tampa Bay at Chicago, 11				
Guzman Was	551	75	173	.314	Arizona at Washington, 11				
CFL					Miami at New England, 11				
EAST DIVISION					Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 11				
W	L	T	PTS		St. Louis at Seattle, 2:05				
Montreal	7	4	0	14	Detroit at San Francisco, 2:05				
Toronto	4	7	0	8	New Orleans at Denver, 2:05				
Winnipeg	3	8	0	6	Cleveland at Baltimore, 2:15				
Hamilton	2	9	0	4	Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 2:15				
WEST DIVISION					Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 2:15				
W	L	T	PTS		Dallas at Green Bay, 6:15				
Saskatchewan	8	3	0	16	MONDAY'S GAME				
EDMONTON	7	4	0	14	N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 6:30				
Calgary	7	4	0	14					

First-time Home Buyers

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New rules spark debate

Consumer still at risk with mortgage changes: Experts

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The change to mortgage-lending practices isn't the crackdown it's meant to look like, experts say, and it doesn't make Canadians any safer from large debt.

In July, Ottawa announced a decision to tighten rules governing mortgage-lending practices to protect Canadian homebuyers. Under these rules, the amortization period for financial guarantees from the government for insured mortgages — meaning Ottawa pays off a mortgage insurer should a worst-case scenario happen and a buyer is unable to pay the premium — has been reduced from 40 years to 35 years and under. Homebuyers also need a minimum down payment of 5 per cent, effec-

tively eliminating zero-down mortgages. Buyers also now require a minimum credit score.

The changes have sparked nationwide debate among owners and buyers as to whether it helps or limits options. John Podlewski, president of debt elimination service Debt Freedom Canada, says this is a case of optics. He argues Ottawa is putting on the air of shielding homebuyers from 40-year amortization periods, but the difference between them and 35-year periods is marginal at best (see chart, below).

"Nothing has happened to protect the consumer from debt. You might have more money in-pocket with a 40-year period, but 100 per cent owing going in is 100 per cent owing coming out the back end," he said. "The financial in-



Canada's homeowners collectively carry \$900 billion in mortgage credit. That number grows by 10 per cent every year.

stitutions are still making a buck, and the government gets to look like the good guy."

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in order to stimulate the economy, first-time homebuyers would receive a tax credit of up to \$750 should a Conservative government be elected to office. But an expert estimated its impact would be modest: Doug Porter, deputy chief

economist at the Bank of Montreal, told the Canadian Press that such an incentive would be unlikely to draw in new homebuyers.

A possible reason for the existing changes, speculates Jim Murphy, president and CEO of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals (among the groups Ottawa consulted before making the new rules), is

that more homebuyers, particularly young ones, are choosing no-money-down mortgages with longer-term amortization periods. Amounts owing are growing as well: Murphy says Canada's homeowners collectively carry \$900 billion in mortgage credit. That number grows by 10 per cent every year.

"Thirty-seven per cent of Canadians who have taken out a mortgage in the last year have chosen amortization periods of 30, 35, and 40 years," Murphy said, citing a report his group published in 2007. (This year's report is due in late October.) "It will be much higher when we ask them that question this year."

What has been underreported in the media, Murphy says, is the disadvantage the changes present to immigrants looking to buy a home.

"How does a new Cana-

dian, with some income but a zero credit score, get a mortgage that requires a minimum credit score of 620 to be guaranteed?" he asks.

In terms of hurting the buoyancy of the housing market, Murphy thinks the new rules will have minimal effect. While in a slow-down, he says it still remains strong. In terms of protecting consumers from crippling debt and a house-rich-cash-poor situation, Podlewski says the changes have even less effect.

"You need to plan your entire future. Your house is only a part of it," he added. "Do you want to serve coffee at 65 because you haven't properly planned and you owe too much money? I get my Tim Hortons in the morning and it's either a snow-top or a no-top behind the counter. It can happen to you."

Comparing a 35-year amortization period to a 40-year amortization period

Here's a hypothetical look at what you'd pay on a mortgage with both a 35-year and 40-year amortization period. Numbers have been determined using Filogix Expert, an industry standard point-of-sale system.

Mortgage 1

- Amount: \$200,000
- Interest Rate: 5.45 per cent
- Amortization: 35 years
- Term: 60 months
- Disclosure Rate: 5.45 per cent

- Payment Frequency: Monthly
- Compounded: Semi-annually
- Monthly payment: \$1,059.55
- Total Payments: \$63,573
- Total Interest: \$52,489.77
- Total Principal: \$11,083.23
- Balance Remaining at Maturity: \$188,916.77

Mortgage 2

- Amount: \$200,000
- Interest Rate: 5.45 per cent

- Amortization: 40 years
- Term: 60 months
- Disclosure Rate: 5.45 per cent
- Payment Frequency: Monthly
- Compounded: Semi-annually
- Monthly payment: \$1,016.50
- Total Payments: \$60,990
- Total Interest: \$52,863.77
- Total Principal: \$8,126.33
- Balance Remaining at Maturity: \$191,873.67

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Rotten joists, missing carpets and dead soldiers buried in your backyard — buying a home can come with all kinds of nasty surprises.

The beautiful home that you've just purchased can house a litany of hidden horrors that you will be left to fix after you move in. A B.C.-based realtor advises that there's no way around it. You must expect — and inspect — the unexpected when you finally sign on the dotted line.

"It's a situation where the buyer really has to be thinking caveat emptor," says Tom Everitt, a Vancouver Island-based real estate agent and co-author of True Real Estate Stories, a compendium of odd and sometimes gruesome anecdotes from the world of home buying (thinktom.com).

"An inspection should be the first thing on most people's minds. Problems will inevitably come up and an inspection will show you



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what those problems will cost to fix."

An inspector won't catch everything wrong, Everitt notes, as they can only visually investigate the house. He knows firsthand: While Everitt and his wife were resodding their backyard, they discovered the gravestone of Sgt. Joseph Morley, a World War I veteran.

Another key is to get as specific a contract as possi-

ble. Some legal agreements concerning what will remain in the house on move-in day are detailed down to the light switches, Everitt says. Some of his clients have walked into their new home under the impression certain amenities would be there, only to find the seller took those items with them, he adds.

"The more thorough the contract, the safer you are. We had buyers moving in-

to a townhouse where the previous owners removed the carpet," he said. "The owners said, 'Well, we took it with us because we heard they were going to install hardwood flooring,' but the contract stipulated that the carpet would be there. The buyers were furious. Besides that, carpets are specifically measured to the details of the house. What kind of person would want to take it?"



If you do discover something untoward about your purchase, you can launch a lawsuit; having a specific legal agreement strengthens your claim. Everitt says you must consider the costs of such a suit, however.

"Pick your battles," he says. "Do you really want to take someone to court over missing light switches?"

More importantly for those buying a new home

is that the contract is clear on who covers the warranty, which can often be the builder themselves. These people are the ones to approach should your home become more interesting than you intended.

"If the house is built as just a one-off, you better be darn sure you know what you're buying," adds Everitt.

"You don't want to get stuck with a lemon."

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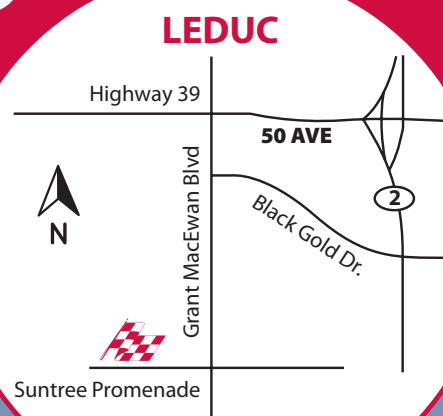
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The most difficult thing about a pear is having patience — waiting long enough for them to be ripe, but not overripe. A firm pear can take up to a week to ripen. To ripen quicker, place in a loosely closed brown paper bag. Handle pears with care to avoid bruising. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

"Unlike many fruits, pears should be picked green — they ripen and improve flavour once off the tree."

-Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



Raw or cooked?

For eating, pears should be soft enough to yield to gentle pressure; for cooking, choose pears that are still a little firm.

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What a perfect pear

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Crisps are wonderfully easy to toss together and much less stressful than making pastry. They are also wonderfully tasty, particularly served warm with ice cream, frozen yogurt or custard.

Pear and Cardamom Crisp

This is an all-purpose fruit crisp — use seasonal fruit, peeled if necessary and match fruit with spice such as pears with cardamom, peaches with nutmeg or apples with cinnamon. Add some berries or dried fruit — raisins or dried cranberries, or chopped candied ginger. You can also add nuts to topping for a little added crunch. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 to 5 cups (1 to 1.25 L) sliced (firm but ripe) pears
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) berries (blueberries, blackberries, fresh or dried cranberries)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) oatmeal, rolled oats or quick cooking (not instant)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cardamom (or nutmeg or cinnamon)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) melted butter

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350F



One medium pear has about 100 calories and is a very good source of dietary fibre (remember to eat the skin) and a good source of vitamin C.

(180C). Place pears and berries in a buttered 6 cup (1.5 L) baking dish.

Combine oatmeal, flour, sugar and cardamom. Stir in butter until mixture is all moistened; spoon evenly over fruit. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until fruit is tender and topping is crisp. Serve warm.

Tips:

• **Pick of the Crop:** The most common pear is a **Bartlett**, a bell-shaped, sweet pear with a light green skin that turns yellow when ripe. **Bosc** pears, a later season pear, are elongated with a slender neck, russet-coloured skin and a fine texture. With a more crunchy texture, these hold their shape,

making them good for baking or poaching. **Anjou** pears are more egg-shaped, aromatic and mildly sweet; they show traces of yellow when ripe. Harvested in the fall, these pears store well into the spring.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Tart has a bittersweet affair

The Modern Baker by Nick Malgieri is a collection of 150 straightforward recipes with gourmet appeal, striving to bring success to even the busiest of bakers, with the bulk of the preparation taking under one hour. DK Publishing offered Metro a recipe for this decadent tart:

Bittersweet Chocolate Tart

Nothing could be simpler — or better — than this tart. The flavour of the filling is of course entirely dependent on the quality of the chocolate you use, so hang the budget and get the best available — you only need a single pound. We're fortunate that chocolate is now labelled with its cocoa content — the actual percentage of ground-up roasted cocoa beans used in the mixture. For this tart, I use chocolate in the 65 to 70 per cent range. More than that might be just a little too bitter.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 pound (450 grams) bittersweet (not unsweetened) chocolate, melted and cooled
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- One 10- or 11-inch (25- or 28-cm) Press-In Cookie Dough crust, (recipe available in the book, pg. 165), baked
- 1 tablespoon chocolate shavings for finishing
- Confectioners' sugar for sprinkling

METHOD:

Combine the cream and corn syrup in a medium saucepan and whisk well. Place over medium heat and bring to just a slight



The Modern Baker is available at Amazon.ca for \$23.94.

simmer — about 140°F (60°C). Pour the cream into a bowl and let it cool to 110°F (45°C) — you'll be able to insert a fingertip in the cream and leave it there without any burning sensation.

Pour the cooled cream mixture over the chocolate and use a small whisk to mix it in, just to combine smoothly, without whisking air into the mixture. Let the ganache stand at room temperature until it is cool to the touch, about 85°F (30°C).

Whisk in the butter, a couple of tablespoons at a time. The butter has to be very soft — the consistency of stiff mayonnaise — or it will form lumps. Once all the butter has been incorporated, scrape the filling into the prepared tart shell and smooth the top. Refrigerate for 1 hour to set the filling.

After the filling has set, bring the tart to room temperature for 1 to 2 hours before serving. Just before serving, scatter the chocolate shavings in the centre of the filling and dust them very lightly with confectioners' sugar.



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Documentary looks at magazine work

The Style Network and the U.S. edition of Marie Claire have partnered on a new documentary series called *Running in Heels*. It will take viewers behind the scenes of the magazine and focus on the magazine's editors, writers and interns. **REUTERS**

Style



Ellen is a CoverGirl

It has been confirmed that Ellen DeGeneres will be the new face of CoverGirl. This will be the first beauty campaign for the comedian and Emmy award-winning talk show host who will appear in new advertisements in January 2009. "Ellen is the quintessential CoverGirl. She is smart, confident, natural, and beautiful from the inside out," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, vice president and general manager, Global Cosmetics, Procter & Gamble Beauty. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Jewel of my eye

Mix n' match rich gemstone tones

LAURA LEE FULHAM/FOR METRO CANADA



ABOVE: Rafé purse, Browns, \$750 (Available at Browns stores or brownsshoes.com).



LEFT: Patent leather purple ankle boot with zipper, Aldo, \$120 (Available at aldoshoes.com).



ABOVE: Browns ID shoe, Browns, \$148 (Available at Browns stores or brownsshoes.com).



ABOVE: Red miniskirt, Esprit, \$79.50 (Available at 1-866-4ESPRIT).



ABOVE: Short sleeved tie-neck blouse, Banana Republic, \$95 (available at Banana Republic stores across Canada, for more info call 1-888-BR-Style).



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ABOVE: Multi-coloured chandelier earrings, Aldo, \$25 (Available at aldoaccessories.com).



ABOVE: Blue GUESS Watch, \$250, Purple GUESS Watch, \$170 (GUESS watches are available across Canada at the Bay, Sears and GUESS stores).

Style File

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Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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coats

The wool coat can usually be summed up with the thought of a double-breasted pea coat but this year that typical look is out. This fall coats will be a little bit more interesting with oversized lapels, pocket details and different necklines. Tip: Try the coat on in store with layers. You'll be layering quite a bit come late fall so you'll want to make sure there will be enough room for thick knit sweaters or hoodies.

accessory

Want a picture perfect look? Highlight your cheekbones with this All Over Shimmer Liquid Luminizer by Stila, \$25. Available at Sephora (sephora.com).



shoes

A tapered heel, a round toe and a thick strap — a perfect formula for a fall shoe. Yes, Mary Janes are back and have never looked better. If Mary Janes aren't a staple in your closet already, this is the perfect time to buy. There are loads of designs available to fit your personal style.

tip: Spray hairspray on your stockings before putting them on. The hairspray will prevent your stockings from running. — thelistmaven.com.



Oscar? No thanks
Tilda Swinton has given the Oscar she won for best supporting actress for her role in Michael Clayton this year to her agent, insisting the trophy "doesn't mean that much."

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Entertainment

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Death Magnetic soars up chart

MUSIC Metallica's first album in five years soared to No. 1 on the U.S. pop chart yesterday, while Jessica Simpson's country debut and hip-hop icon LL Cool J's label swan song faltered.

The hard rock band's Death Magnetic sold 490,000 copies during the week ended Sept. 14, according to Nielsen SoundScan. But it was on sale for only three of those days, because it was released worldwide on Friday. Albums usually come out on a Tuesday.

Metallica's previous studio release, St. Anger, started with 418,000 copies and was ultimately considered a critical and commercial disappointment. The last Metallica album to stage a larger opener than Death Magnetic was 1996's Load, which rolled 680,000 units in its first frame.

REUTERS

Metallica roars back

Metallica

Album: Death Magnetic

Label: Warner

Rating: ●●●●●

JAMES HETFIELD, Lars Ulrich, Kirk Hammett and Robert Trujillo deserve



10-minute instrumental Suicide & Redemption doesn't meander — it evolves. Hard, fast & skillful, but always tuneful and capable of different shades of intensity.

Jim Reyno

FemBots

Album: Calling Out

Label: Weewerk

Rating: ●●●●●

DAVE MACKINNON and Brian Poirier combine in a got-the-world-by-the-balls pose that's eerily reminiscent of Exile-era Stones. This Toronto-based band puts away its



Death Magnetic, Metallica's ninth studio album, is now out.

arty toys and comes up with a gritty, and at times brilliant, rock album filled with anti-gospel hymns (Good Days, God Keep Our Hands Clean), paranoid road songs (Get In The Van), twisted love ballads (Can I Be Your Mirror), yarns of dubious glory (J.L. Recalls His Amazon Adventure ...) and tales of impending disaster (Ship Breaking). The FemBots forge beauty from chaos.

Graham Rockingham

Nelly

Album: Brass Knuckles

Label: Derry/Universal

Rating: ●●●●●

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING on Brass Knuckles as accessible as Nelly's signature tunes Ride Wit Me or Hot In Herre. But Brass Knuckles is an



Wonder-ful news

Actress Nicole Kidman is to produce and star in The Eighth Wonder, an action adventure based on an archaeological discovery, it has been reported.

BBC NEWS ONLINE

AlbumReviews

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all-star mix of R&B and hip-hop with some solid hooks throughout. A few tracks really connect: LA with the Snoop and Nate Dogg(s), taken at Snoop's trademark easy pace; Self Esteem with Chuck D elevates the game lyrically. And Lie with St. Lunatics is a hummable (if foul-mouthed) tale of cheating/misinformation. Brass Knuckles is no knockout punch, but a good shot. You feel it.

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Scarlett Johansson and Eva Mendes have joined forces to encourage Americans to recycle their old cellphones. The actresses both star in a new campaign film for the Environmental Media Association.

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Celebrity Buzz

Kate Hudson happy to get raunchy role

MOVIE Kate Hudson jumped at the chance to star in upcoming movie *My Best Friend's Girl* because she relished playing a sexually aggressive woman, imdb.com reports.

The actress plays a lawyer in the film, which features strong language and sexual content.

Hudson, famed for her romantic comedy roles, ensured she made the most of the explicit script and adult scenes.

"I finally got to swear and say and do certain things that most people say to each other in normal, everyday life," she says. "I got a little taste of what those *Sex and the City* girls were up to for so long, which was fun."

Off-screen, Hudson is grateful she has maintained a

friendship with ex-husband Chris Robinson because it makes their four-year-old son Ryder happy.

"For me it feels like this isn't about me or (Chris). We did it the right way, which is we knew it wasn't right (to stay together) so we wanted it to be great for

Ryder and we got a happy, happy boy," Hudson says.

"We spend a lot of time together. We love our baby. With both of us working all the time and away and travelling, it makes it great for Ryder."

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Barton seduces Hartnett?

PEOPLE Mischa Barton spent Monday evening with Josh Hartnett, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The O.C. star met up with the actor at the London nightclub Bungalow 8 and after chatting the pair reportedly left for his hotel at the end of the night.

Barton, 22, managed to get the 30-year-old actor's attention by reportedly dancing seductively in front of him as he sat talking to Kings of Leon drummer Nathan Followill, but he was initially unimpressed by her moves.

"Josh looked pretty bored

and was totally ignoring Mischa," a source said. "She persisted though, and kept getting closer and closer to their table while dancing provocatively."

Followill was reportedly unconvinced by Barton's display, and was heard warning Josh off the actress.

The source added to Britain's MailOnline website: "Nathan told him that he thought she talks too much." Despite reportedly going to Hartnett's hotel, Barton is said to have emerged an hour later and returned to her own hotel.

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Baldwin almost ended it all

PEOPLE Actor Alec Baldwin wanted to jump out of the window of his New York apartment after an answering-machine message in which he called his daughter a "thoughtless little pig" was leaked on the Internet, imdb.com reports.

In his autobiography *A Promise to Ourselves: Fatherhood, Divorce and Family Law*, Baldwin describes how he plunged into a suicidal depression when the

message to 11-year-old Ireland was revealed to the world.

He also blasts bosses of the website TMZ.com for publishing the tape last year, insisting the despair it caused almost led to him taking his own life.

"She (Ireland) was off

for spring break with her mother and her phone was turned off for 10 consecutive days," Baldwin says. "This had gone on for years now and ... when the beep came, I snapped."

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celebrity brief

Aniston laughs off Mayer heartbreak reports

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Jennifer Aniston has laughed off reports she is devastated about her recent split from rocker John Mayer, insisting she is happy to move on, imdb.com reports.

The former *Friends* star broke up with Mayer in August after several months of dating.

Mayer has since reportedly moved on and reunited with former love Maria Marin — and tabloids claimed Aniston was heartbroken.

But she is keen to show the public she is content with life as a single woman, and claims she doesn't mind the media interest in her love life.

"I've been dealing with it (media speculation) for years and it still feels odd," she tells Britain's *Hello!* magazine. "But I'm grateful that the public is still interested in my life and my movies — and I hope that I can justify their interest. People are so kind, ultimately. And I'm happy, so don't worry about me!"

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celebrity brief

Slim isn't easy for Gwyneth Paltrow

PEOPLE Actress Gwyneth Paltrow makes being svelte look easy, but the actress tells Oprah Winfrey that she finds it nearly impossible to stick to a diet, People.com reports. "I just cannot diet," Paltrow, 35, said. "I think maybe it's the idea that you can't have something ... I just can't do it." Instead of counting calories, the slender Oscar-winner prefers to work up a sweat.

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celebrity brief

Rihanna suffers from her fame

PEOPLE Rihanna has discovered the negative aspects of fame — she finds life on the road "lonely," femalefirst.co.uk reports. Despite rumours that she is romancing fellow singer Chris Brown, the hitmaker insists she doesn't have time to date, and she often ends up sitting in hotel rooms by herself.

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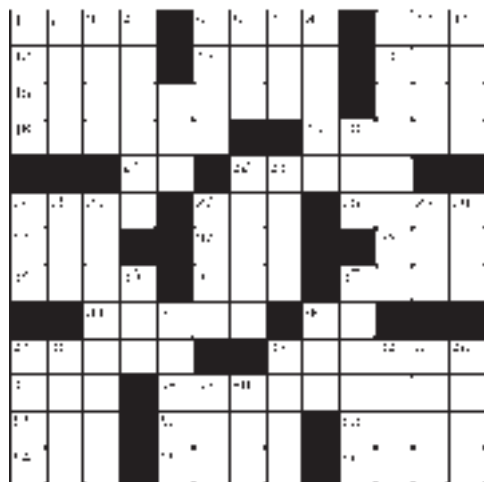
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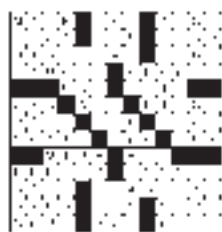
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Sudoku

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Recipe of the day



COOK SMART FOR A HEALTHY HEART

Celery Root and Spinach Soup

Celery root (celeriac) makes a rich soup with lots of flavour and a creamy texture.

INGREDIENTS:

Cooking spray

1 large onion, thinly sliced

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 celery root (about 1-1/4

lb/625 g), peeled and grated

4 cups (1 L) boiling water

1 reduced-sodium vegetable

bouillon cube, crumbled, or

2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable boui-

llion powder

2 cups (500 mL) washed and

trimmed spinach

Pinch of nutmeg

Salt and pepper

Garnish with fresh chives

METHOD:

1. Heat a large saucepan coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic, and cook until the onion is softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add the celery root. Pour in the boiling water and add the bouillon cube or powder. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat

to low and cover the pan. Cook the soup until the celery root is tender, about 10 minutes.

2. Add the spinach to the soup and stir well. Increase the heat and bring the soup to a boil, then remove the pan from the heat. Cool the soup slightly and then puree it, in batches, in a blender or food processor until smooth. Alternatively, you can puree the soup in the pan using a handheld blender. The soup will be fairly thick.

3. Reheat the soup, if necessary, then stir in a dash of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls. Garnish with fresh chives and serve immediately. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A misunderstanding might be forgotten. There's a reason to celebrate in spite of turmoil. Your progress is affected by a long conversation.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

You'll tell people exactly how you feel. You have a talent for dealing with quirks. You'll get insight from offensive situations and people.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

A control freak has a dismaying chat. Attend a social event in the company of others. Don't investigate any mysterious behaviour.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Dreams help you to understand emotional problems. People comment on your moodiness. Your anxiety about promises is misplaced.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

A neutral person becomes involved in a crisis. A relative questions your life choices. A budget crisis will give grief at home.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

A friend will create a temporary disturbance. Simple pleasures produce harmony at home. Someone's cowardice causes unwise behaviour.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Close the door on a poorly behaved person. Take action to restore ethics to business. Do not respond to messages that are less than urgent.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

Pay attention to a friendly woman. A personality change inspires someone to take charge. Gloating will cause resentment to build.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

An erratic friend causes fresh frustration. Make some thrilling changes possible. A job will take longer than expected.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

A power play leads to a bonding experience. Give someone a chance to run and hide. Foretell a confrontation by being considerate.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

A sweetheart's coldness results in short-lived pain. A memorable encounter takes place. A flirtation heats up your daydreams.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

Karma kicks in and everyone has a good laugh. A man forgot to keep a promise to a woman. A stubborn person gives a warning.

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SEPT. 18, 1970: Jimi Hendrix dies after choking on his own vomit.
SEPT. 18, 1973: East and West Germany are admitted to the United Nations.
SEPT. 18, 1997: U.S. media magnate Ted Turner donates \$1-billion US to the United Nations.
SEPT. 18, 2007: President General Pervez Musharraf announces that he will step down as army chief and restore civilian rule to Pakistan, but only after he is re-elected president.

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